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Missouri Capitol Police Achieve Accreditation Recognition Status

On November 21, Capitol Police Chief Todd Hurt and Lt. Eric Clemons traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah to appear before a Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Review Committee. After a favorable on-site department review in April, Chief Hurt and Lt. Clemons were questioned in a committee hearing-type setting. Questions focused on department practices and standards. Following the hearing, the committee voted unanimously to award Missouri Capitol Police accreditation at the recognition level. The recognition process was the culmination of nearly three years of policy refinement and an extensive review of police practices. The accreditation period lasts for three years and will be subject to review in November, 2012. Capitol Police has set the goal of reaching full Law Enforcement Accreditation Status over the next three years.

Spotlight:	Preventing Theft	

As we enter into the holiday season, Missouri Capitol Police would like to remind everyone of a few ways to protect against theft.

At the Office:

- If exchanging gifts at work, leave them at home or lock them up until the day of the exchange. Similarly, take home or lock up any gifts that you receive.
- Keep purses/wallets secure at ALL times.

In your Vehicle:

- Keep packages in the trunk when possible or, at a minimum, cover them up if they must be left in the passenger compartment.
- Make sure you lock your vehicle. If you have automatic locks, make sure you listen for the "honk" to ensure no one is blocking your keyless signal.

And as always, immediately report any suspicious activity to (573) 522-2222.

Capitol Police Resolve Office Theft Case

In early November, Capitol Police officers were able to quickly resolve a theft case in which money was taken from a purse in a state office building. A state employee called Capitol Police when she noticed money was missing from her purse. Capitol Police officers responded and, after conducting a series of interviews, recovered the money and returned it to the victim.